

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 1996 - 0900 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

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CURRENT SITUATION: Fire activity continued in several Areas of the West, however, the number of new starts reported has significantly declined. Competition for national resources continues and initial attack resources continue to be stretched thin. A Type I Incident Management Team was committed in Southern California. Resource mobilization through NICC remained high.

Southern California Large Fires:

ROGGE, Stanislaus NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Greenhoe) is assigned. The fire is burning in the Tuolumne River drainage near the community of Pine Mountain Lake. The biggest concern is in the Clavey River area. This area burned 9 years ago in the Stanislaus Complex which has had a substantial regrowth of brush that is 5 to 7 feet tall. Engines have been staged on the south side of the river for structure protection in the event the fire crosses the river.

HWY. FIFTY-EIGHT, San Luis Obispo Ranger Unit, California State. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Bates) is assigned. This fire is 5 miles east of Santa Margarita, CA along Highway 58. The fire is burning easterly, in heavy brush and is experiencing rapid rates of spread. The fire escaped the east flank yesterday afternoon, threatening over 100 structures along Navajo Road. Approximately 15 to 18 miles of open line exist. High voltage power lines, an FAA antenna and repeater sites on Black Mountain continue to be threatened. A wind shift to the south would push the fire into heavy brush located in the Machesna Mountain Wilderness.

ACKERSON COMPLEX, Yosemite NP. A Type II Incident Management Team (Byrd) is assigned. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dague) has been ordered. The complex consists of thirteen fires burning along the Yosemite NP and Stanislaus NF border. The fires in the complex continued to burn actively yesterday. Camp Mather, a heavily used recreation area, remains evacuated.

KAWEAH, Tulare Ranger Unit, California State and Sequoia Kings NP. A Type I Incident Management Team (Monahan) is assigned. Firing operations continue in an effort to reduce the threat to employee residences and the Park entrance at Ash Mountain in the Sequoia Kings National Park. The fire has burned from oak woodland into chamise. Control problems include high temperatures, strong winds and steep, rugged terrain.

PARK, Tulare Ranger Unit, California State. This fire is burning in brush and is not threatening any structures at this time. A substantial amount of line construction and firing out needs to be completed.

CABAZON, Riverside Ranger Unit, California State. The fire is burning near the town of Cabazon, CA. Favorable weather conditions have assisted with control efforts.

WOLFSKILL, Riverside Ranger Unit, California State. A State Type I Incident Management Team (Wright) is assigned. The fire is located near Banning, CA. The fire is nearly contained and demobilization is in progress.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
ROGGE	STF	CA	6,000	25	UNK		10	9	5	0	NR	NR
HWY FIFTY-EIGHT	SLU	CA	37,000	35	UNK		63	85	7	2	NR	NR
AKERSON COMPLEX	YNP	CA	10,000	7	UNK	171	25	33	7	0	NR	NR
KAWEAH	TUU	CA	3,858	50	UNK	1,201	41	86	0	1	100K	449K
CABAZON	RRU	CA	802	90	8/17	596	25	38	1	0	NR	720K
WOLFSKILL	RRU	CA	12,395	95	8/17	504	12	34	1	0	NR	2.6M
PARK	TUU	CA	600	70	UNK	109	3	24	5	0	NR	NR
BEAR	TCU	CA	1,450	80	8/17	NR	NR	NR	3	NR	NR	NR

Northwest Large Fires:

WILDCAT COMPLEX, Malheur NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dubois) is assigned. The fire is 10 miles southeast of John Day, OR. The fire is being suppressed under Unified Command with Oregon State. The Wildcat and Graham fires are included in this complex. Crews continue to make progress on line construction.

BULL COMPLEX, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. The Bull fire is 36 miles northeast of John Day, OR. Areas with heavy fuel concentrations have limited line construction. Desolation Butte lookout and repeater, a mine structure and wooden pipeline are threatened. Crews continue to work toward containment on the Summit fire, 25 miles west of Baker City, OR.

TOWER, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lukens) is assigned. The Tower fire is 17 miles south of Ukiah, OR. Gusty winds caused significant torching. Burnout operations were planned for last night.

SIMNASHO, Warms Springs Agency, BIA. A Type I Incident Management Team (Porter) is assigned. The fire is burning in grass, brush and timber 10 miles north of Warm Springs, OR. All control lines held through burnout operations. Moderate fire activity was observed yesterday.

SPRING, Umpqua NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Murphy) is committed. The fire is burning in the Boulder Creek Wilderness, near Toketee Falls, OR. The blaze doubled in size yesterday. Steep terrain and heavy fuels are restricting control efforts. Powerlines and private property are threatened.

NORTH UMPQUA COMPLEX, Umpqua NF. Crews are making progress on containment objectives. Threatened resources include watershed and endangered trout habitat.

ALDER RIDGE, Fremont NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Duke) is assigned. The fire is burning 15 miles south of Silver Lake, OR. Current threats include private land, recreational structures, a power relay station, wildlife habitat, and commercial forest.

SOUTH ZONE COMPLEX (formerly reported as RIGDON COMPLEX), Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. The 45 fires in this complex are burning 11 miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Rocky terrain and dense fuels have hampered containment objectives. Private timber and endangered wildlife species are threatened. SALT COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bailey) is assigned. The complex is comprised of the SALT CREEK, SHEEP CREEK, and HEAVEN'S GATE fires. The fires are burning on the Oregon/Idaho border of the Hells Canyon Recreation Area. The Sheep fire spread rapidly over steep terrain. Crews made good progress on the Salt fire. Smokey conditions and inaccessibility have affected containment efforts.

OCHOCO COMPLEX, Ochoco NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. The COYLE, GREEN MTN, HAMILTON, CHAPMAN SPRINGS, CORNER CREEK, and LOOKOUT fires are included in this complex. Containment objectives were achieved on all fires except the Chapman Springs.

SLOAN'S RIDGE, Wallow-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Payne) is assigned. The fire is being suppressed under Unified Command with Oregon State. This fire is 11 miles northwest of Sumpter, OR. Blasters from the Oregon Department of Forestry are constructing portions of line with fireline explosives. Mop-up is in progress and some demobilization has begun.

INDIAN POINT, Wallow-Whitman NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (McDonald) is assigned. Favorable weather conditions have decrease fire activity. Crews made good progress on line construction.

BARTLETT MTN., Burns District, BLM. The fire is burning south of Drewesy, OR. Suppression forces continue to work toward containment objectives.

HOG VALLEY, Oregon State. The fire is near the community of Union, OR.

JONES FLAT, Burns District, BLM. High fire activity was observed on the north flank yesterday. This portion of the fire is inaccessible to engines.

DONNEYBROOK, Oregon State. This fire is burning around the community of Ashwood, OR., 20 miles northeast of Madras, OR. No new information received.

One fire is in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 740 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
WILDCAT	MAF	OR	10,260	35	9/1	860	26	21	4	0	NR	2.5M
BULL COMPLEX	UMF	OR	5,000	0	UNK	243	7	7	0	0	NR	NR
TOWER	UMF	OR	2,400	0	UNK	167	3	13	2	0	NR	155K
SIMNASHO	WSA	OR	109,000	70	8/20	1,552	46	116	7	10	NR	3.2M
SPRING	UPF	OR	1,950	37	8/30	291	4	5	1	0	NR	375K
NORTH UPMQUA	UPF	OR	230	27	8/21	324	11	15	1	0	750	331K
ALDER RIDGE	FRF	OR	3,500	50	8/20	107	11	21	3	NR	NR	400K
SOUTH ZONE CPX	WIF	OR	2,500	10	8/25	884	20	40	6	0	0	1.7M
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	53,825	0	8/21	678	22	10	6	0	NR	2.4M
OCHOCO COMPLEX	UMF	OR	1,170	50	8/18	367	14	0	1	0	NR	616K
SLOAN'S RIDGE	WWF	OR	10,556	80	8/18	844	26	9	6	0	NR	5.4M
INDIAN POINT	WWF	OR	50	NR	NR	146	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

BARTLETT MTN	BUD	OR	1,800	90	8/17	20	0	4	1	0	NR	NR
JONES FLAT	BUD	OR	850	40	8/18	22	0	5	1	0	NR	NR
HOG VALLEY	ODF	OR	350	20	UNK	14	0	4	0	0	NR	NR
DONNEYBROOK	ORS	OR	94,000	0	10/31	NR						
COW HOLLOW	VAD	OR	47,520	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

Northern California Large Fires:

FORK, Mendocino NF. Two Type I Incident Management Teams (Kohut & Loving) are assigned. The fire is located north of the town of Upper Lake, CA. Strong winds pushed the blaze over control lines yesterday. The fire was very active through the night. Crews and dozers continue with line construction. A mandatory evacuation is still in effect for 40 homes near this fire.

BUTCHER, Shasta-Trinity NF. This fire was previously reported under the Mt. Shasta Complex. Intense fire behavior was observed on this fire near McCloud, CA. Spotting of up to 200 yards caused control problems. Current threats include powerlines and private land within a mile of the fire.

DIXIE, Lassen-Modoc Ranger Unit. The fire is about 36 miles northeast of Susanville, CA. It is burning on State, UFSF, BLM, and private land. Dozers have made good progress on line construction.

ROCK, Shasta-Trinity NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Madden) is assigned. The fire is located 40 miles southwest of Redding, CA. Control efforts are hampered by excessive fuel loading and snags. Threatened resources include Northern Spotted Owl habitat, steelhead fisheries, and watershed.

CORRAL, Susanville District, BLM. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hutchinson) is assigned. The fire is southeast of Alturas, CA, 16 miles inside the Nevada border. High winds significantly increased fire activity.

EAST FORK, Shasta-Trinity NF. The fire is near Weed, CA. Increased fire activity was influenced by steep terrain and dense fuels.

MORRIS, Shasta-Trinity NF. Limited access has made suppression efforts difficult.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
FORK	MNF	CA	28,000	20	8/23	2,303	55	87	8	3	NR	NR
BUTCHER	SHF	CA	110	10	8/19	715	25	21	4	0	2M	NR
DIXIE	LMU	CA	1,000	50	UNK	364	16	34	3	0	NR	NR
ROCK	SHF	CA	1,200	20	8/21	492	21	2	4	0	NR	617K
CORRAL	SUD	CA	7,000	0	8/22	25	0	0	0	0	NR	20K
EAST FORK	SHF	CA	150	0	UNK	13	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
MORRIS	SHF	CA	120	0	UNK	13	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

WILLOW CREEK COMPLEX, Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team

(Spradlin) is assigned. Torching and spotting caused a slight increase in acreage on the east flank. Helicopter bucket drops aided firefighters with holding control lines. Mop-up continues on several divisions of the fire. Rehabilitation has begun on the Lower Willow fire.

COYOTE, Lewis and Clark NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This human-caused fire is burning 15 miles south of Monarch, MT. Crews continue to reinforce control lines and mop-up hot spots. Threats to private residences, powerlines, a ski area, watershed and wildlife habitat have significantly decreased.

SWET/WARRIOR, Nez Perce NF & Bitterroot NF. No new information received. DOVETAIL, Lewistown District, BLM. This human-caused fire is near Brusett, MT. Winds may delay control objectives.

SIX MILE, Custer County, Montana State. The fire is southwest of Miles City, MT. Containment was expected last night.

One fire is in confinement suppression strategy totalling 220 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
WILLOW CREEK	BRF	MT	398	60	8/19	596	17	18	3	0	NR	1M
COYOTE	LCF	MT	3,500	95	8/18	874	25	16	2	0	1M	1.6M
SWET/WARRIOR	BRF	MT	29,200	0	UNK	106	3	5	1	1	NR	23K
DOVETAIL	LED	MT	700	80	8/18	63	3	5	3	0	NR	40K
SIX MILE	EAS	MT	400	95	8/18	26	0	9	0	0	NR	25K

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

GOLD QUARRY COMPLEX, Elko District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Vorce) is assigned. The complex consists of the GOLD QUARRY, TUNNEL and SUSIE CREEK fires. The Gold Quarry fire has been contained. Good progress was made on the other two fires, despite a few flare-ups. Current threats are to private property, cattle, riparian pasture, and crucial deer and antelope winter range.

SHOEMAKE, Ely District, BLM. This fire is located 35 miles southeast of Caliente, Nevada. Precipitation received on the fire Friday night resulted in decreased activity yesterday.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
GOLD QUARRY CPX	EKD	NV	22,750	90	8/18	488	25	13	1	0	NR	500K
SHOEMAKE	ELD	NV	18,000	85	8/21	6	0	0	1	0	NR	5K
LIME	LVD	NV	350	100	----	72	2	4	3	0	NR	NR
VIRGIN	LVD	NV	300	100	----	47	2	3	0	0	NR	NR

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

ONE EYE, Utah State. The fire is located 39 miles northeast of Green River, UT. Steep terrain and rolling material are the major control problems. Control is expected on Monday.

HENS PEAK, Fishlake NF. The fire is located 11 miles northeast of Loa,

UT. The fire area received short periods of heavy rain, reducing fire behavior. The spruce plantations have been secured, but the fire is still a threat to a timber sales area. The outlook is good, with some demobilization planned.

PAIUTE, Cedar City District, BLM. The fire is burning in grass and pinyon-juniper in a remote area 14 miles northwest of St. George, Utah. Crews were able to hold the fire within existing lines. A communications site is threatened. Rugged terrain and high temperatures are causing control problems.

Three fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 6,104 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
ONE EYE	UTS	UT	300	50	UNK	100	4	3	1	0	10K	25K
HENS PEAK	FIF	UT	630	90	8/18	79	3	1	1	0	15K	415K
RABBIT CREEK	BOD	ID	1,000	100	----	0	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
PAIUTE	CCD	UT	1,032	10	8/18	100	4	4	2	NR	NR	NR

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

SINK CREEK, Grand Junction District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Summerfelt) is assigned. The fire is located about 15 miles east of Grand Junction, CO. It is burning in a critical watershed of Palisade and Grand Junction. Fuels are extremely explosive and the terrain is steep and inaccessible.

North CREEK, Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison NF. This fire is located nine miles east of Norwood, CO. There is a small threat to powerlines and a private ranch.

ARBOLES, Southern Ute Agency, BIA. This fire is located 15 miles southeast of Ignacio, CO. Present threats include commercial timber and spotted owl habitat. Inaccessible terrain is a serious problem.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SINK CREEK	GJD	CO	340	30	8/23	96	3	0	2	0	UNK	UNK
SUGAR LOAF	RSD	WY	300	90	8/15	4	0	2	0	0	0	NR
NORTH CREEK	GMF	CO	120	90	8/18	45	1	3	0	0	NR	NR
ARBOLES	SUA	CO	60	10	8/19	32	1	3	2	0	NR	NR

Southwest Large Fires:

SADDLE, Kaibab NF. This fire is burning in mixed conifer and Ponderosa Pine 35 miles northeast of the North Rim developed area. No new information received.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SADDLE	KNF	AZ	470	40	8/19	35	1	2	0	0	NR	NR

Southern Area Large Fires:

DAVID BARROW, Florida State. The fire is burning in a marshy area surrounded by water. No new information received. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
DAVID BARROW	FLS	FL	10,000	0	---	2	0	0	1	0	NR	NR

Alaska Large Fires: Seventeen fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 419,659 acres.

OUTLOOK:

A cold front pushing across Montana, western Wyoming, northern Utah and northern Nevada will bring breezy and cooler weather to the Pacific Northwest, Northern Rockies, and northern Great Basin. Montana will have a few showers and thunderstorms. California will be dry, a little cooler and locally breezy. Eastern Wyoming and Colorado will have scattered thunderstorms. Arizona and New Mexico will have monsoon thunderstorms. High temperatures will range from the 60's and 70's in the Northern Rockies to around 114 in the hottest deserts of the Southwest.

FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST	2	4	4		6	14	30
CA-NORTHERN					22	4	26
CA-SOUTHERN		2		0	32	1	35
NORTHERN	1	1			6	22	30
GB-EASTERN		4			2	17	23
GB-WESTERN		8				1	9
SOUTHWEST	3	2				20	25
ROCKY MTN		3			3	6	12
EASTERN						1	1
SOUTHERN							NR
USA	6	24	4	0	71	86	191

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA							0
NORTHWEST	1	0	7		3	837	848
CA-NORTHERN					1,130	0	1,130
CA-SOUTHERN		1		3,800	972	0	4,773
NORTHERN	5	700			400	347	1,452
GB-EASTERN		109			1	75	185
GB-WESTERN		6,390				0	6,390
SOUTHWEST	8	160				8	176

ROCKY MTN		1,881			6	11	1,898
EASTERN						3	3
SOUTHERN							0
USA	14	9,241	7	3,800	2,512	1,281	16,855

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

RESOURCE	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	158	39	264	113	42	10	3		1,126	174
CA-NORTHERN	59	95	177	88	15	4	13	4	400	12
CA-SOUTHERN	73	112	61	160	27	15	9	11	288	326
NORTHERN	76		65	1	16				646	48
GB-EASTERN	31	2	77	5	16	5	1		70	77
GB-WESTERN	21	21	21	10	9	1			92	20
SOUTHWEST	14		13	2	3				54	
ROCKY MTN	21		13		8		2		180	
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	453	269	691	379	136	35	28	15	2,856	657

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

NR = No report.

FIRES: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	6	46	31	6	535	18	642
NORTHWEST	155	313	13	18	1,300	973	2,772
CA-NORTHERN	38	50	1	16	1,850	753	2,708
CA-SOUTHERN	7	294	2	246	3,192	824	4,565
NORTHERN	676	51	46	17	357	775	1,922
GB-EASTERN	48	700		19	356	516	1,639
GB-WESTERN		620	3	55	87	184	949
SOUTHWEST	1,113	301	14	77	1,405	1,978	4,888
ROCKY MTN	739	769		48	735	546	2,837
EASTERN	244			61	11,705	335	12,345
SOUTHERN	77		106	73	45,926	1,129	47,311
USA	3,103	3,144	216	636	67,448	8,031	82,578
5 YEAR AVERAGE							56,124

ACRES BURNED: Year to date

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	16	205,422	133,561	4,379	257,104	168	600,650

NORTHWEST	114,322	160,289	1,556	3	27,048	107,309	410,527
CA-NORTHERN	126	1,459	0	366	13,832	34,804	50,587
CA-SOUTHERN	997	12,163	30	13,789	131,199	46,870	205,048
NORTHERN	12,289	3,661	3,054	132	31,755	60,157	111,048
GB-EASTERN	395	670,016		8,118	61,484	81,646	821,659
GB-WESTERN		187,811	602	284	2,579	11,113	202,389
SOUTHWEST	36,739	10,075	3,157	5,316	72,557	208,116	335,960
ROCKY MTN	24,102	31,410		5,902	31,191	41,548	134,153
EASTERN	566			533	153,976	18,423	173,498
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,084	12,770	1,027,923	41,878	1,114,436
USA	191,333	1,282,306	172,044	51,592	1,810,648	652,032	4,159,955
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,724,343

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	1,076	17,841
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	144	93,351
ALBERTA	1	0	318	1,968
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	347	343,695
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	376	12,745
MANITOBA	1	1	371	75,763
ONTARIO	2	0	1,088	452,941
QUEBEC	4	0	1,075	510,287
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	119	27,540
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	0	279	1,576
NOVA SCOTIA	2	1	246	630
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	195
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	63	15,048
TOTALS	13	2	5,525	1,553,580

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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